

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, line 4, which starts with "The present application.." with the following amended paragraph:

The present application is related to ~~claims the priority benefit of~~ U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/634,497 _____, entitled "Grooved Decking Board," filed contemporaneously herewith, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.